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SUBJECT: AUTO ACCIDENT INVOLVING SOVIET MISSION VEHICLE

- 1. SANDRA SIEGEL OF WHITESTONE, QUEENS, VISITED USUN AFTERNOON OF MAY 9, 1978 TO COMPLAIN ABOUT AUTO ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED MAY 6, 1978 ON MAJOR DEEGAN EXPRESSWAY IN BRONX INVOLVING A VEHICLE REGISTERED TO THE SOVIET MISSION BEARING LICENSE PLATE DPL 399.
- 2. ACCORDING TO SIEGEL, VEHICLE TAILGATED CAR IN WHICH SHE WAS RIDING, SWERVED INTO CAR CAUSING DAMAGE OF ABOUT \$500, AND THEN SPED OFF.
- 3. WE ASSURED SIEGEL WE WOULD RAISE MATTER WITH SOVIET MISSION.
- 4. ON MORNING OF MAY 10, 1978 WE CALLED ACCIDENT TO ATTENTION OF NIKOLAI FIRYUBIN, COUNSELLOR SMUN. HE STATED SOVIETS WERE AWARE OF ACCIDENT BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN REPORTED BY DRIVER OF SOVIET MISSION VEHICLE AND BECAUSE ARTICLE HAD APPEARED IN NEW YORK DAILY NEWS ON MAY 9. HE ALSO SAID HE HAD BEEN IN TOUCH WITH NYPD. HE GAVE SOMEWHAT DIFFERENT VERSION OF ACCIDENT. HE ASSURED US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THAT DRIVER OF VEHICLE WOULD BE SPOKEN TO BY SOVIET MISSION OFFICIALS AND THAT MATTER WOULD BE REPORTED TO INSURANCE COMPANY IMMEDIATELY. YOUNG

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